



### Days of Catastrophic Fire Danger

If a day of Catastrophic Fire Danger is announced for the following school day, buses will not run. Parents are required to consider family safety and transport their own children to school if desired. If a catastrophic day is advised on the morning on 7:00am news, buses will run.

### Student Behaviour

It is the right of every student and driver to travel safely on school buses. To ensure this the following rules must be observed:

1. Follow the bus driver's instructions at all times.
2. All passengers to remain in their seats while the bus is moving and
3. Avoid physical, verbal, racist, sexist harassment and bullying
4. Keep noise to a speaking level
5. Obey the Road Rules, and Road Traffic Authority Act
6. Respect other people's property
7. Seat belts must be worn at all times until disembarkation
8. Disembarking students must walk to the rear of the bus and not cross the road until the school bus has left the drop off point and a safe line of sight in both directions has been established

Additional rules for individual buses will be at the bus driver's discretion. This may include no eating or drinking other than water.

Dangerous weapons and equipment are not allowed on school buses. Consequences for unacceptable behaviour can include

- ◆ Reminder
- ◆ Warning
- ◆ Shift seats
- ◆ Lunchtime detention
- ◆ Removal from bus for a period of time

All inappropriate behaviour will be recorded by driver and advised to the school. Parents will be advised by letter of inappropriate behavior.

Repeated instances of inappropriate behaviour may result in suspension from using the bus for a period of time. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements to get students to school.

Where there are incidences of inappropriate behaviour on school buses, a member of the school's leadership team will contact the student's parents and inform them of an incident and the consequence. Records of inappropriate behaviour will be recorded on the school's DUX behaviour management system against the student's name.

Students travelling on buses for occasional travel need to have a bus pass to catch the bus. These are available from the front office area, with parental permission.

If a student wishes to vary their allocated pick up or put down point for a special reason, they must have a written note of approval from a parent.

On occasions there may be circumstances when the driver has a legitimate concern for the safety of students. This may mean that the bus is delayed, because of unforeseen circumstances.

Pre-school children:

DfE has no responsibility to provide bus transport for pre-school children. However, pre-school children are permitted to travel on school buses subject to the following conditions:

- The child is met at the set-down point/s
- Individual approval is given in writing by the Principal controlling the bus
- There is room available on the bus
- The bus is not involved in any additional travel
- The child is considered by the Principal to be mature enough to travel safely on the bus, without causing difficulties for the driver
- Permission may be withdrawn if the bus seating capacity is filled by students eligible for bus travel.
- The child is able to operate the seat belts(or arrangements are made by the parents for a family member or friend to attach the belt)